



Federal Aviation Administration

Memorandum

Date: September 28, 2021

To: Docket No. FAA-2019-0770

Subject: Summary of Association of Flight Attendants-CWA (AFA) meeting with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Regarding the Flight Attendant Duty Period Limitations and Rest Requirements Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Pursuant to Executive Order 12866

On September 28, 2021, the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, hosted a meeting between the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA (AFA), the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). AFA believes the FAA should implement as an interim final rule the statutory requirement in the 2018 FAA Reauthorization Act to increase the flight attendant rest requirement without exception. AFA expressed concern that flight attendants are awaiting this regulatory change while working in a challenging environment as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. AFA cited erratic schedules and an increase in unruly passenger incidents as specific challenges resulting from COVID-19. Moreover, AFA believes the associated cost of implementing the 10-hour rest requirement is not a major issue and cited their labor negotiations with several carriers as evidence of such. AFA stated the regulatory change to increase the flight attendant rest requirement to 10 hours without exception was overdue.